

House Resolution No. 696

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the life of a very special lady who is a native of the Show-Me State and now a resident of the Peach State; and

Whereas, Leota Mae Shinkle, a treasured resident of Augusta, Georgia, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday on April 6, 2002, with a festive celebration to be held in Warrensburg, Missouri; and

Whereas, Leota Shinkle came into this world in Deepwater, Missouri, on April 3, 1922, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Fred and Martha McClendon, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Leota Shinkle received her education at schools in Leeton, Centerview, and Warrensburg, but left before graduation so that she could care for her ailing father while her mother worked; and

Whereas, Leota Shinkle embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Luther Leonard Shinkle, a kind and caring gentleman with whom she shared more than sixty years of wedded success and happiness until his departure from this world; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Leota Shinkle enjoyed her family immensely and distinguished herself as an exceptional seamstress and stellar employee of Unitog; and

Whereas, the world's greatest grandmother who always finds a way to make others feel special, Leota Shinkle has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of her five wonderful children, Don Shinkle of Jefferson City, Missouri, Larry Shinkle of Warrensburg, Missouri, Martha Henderson of Big Sandy, Tennessee, Len Shinkle of Augusta, Georgia, and Mike Shinkle of Appling, Georgia; and her nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now eighty years young, Leota Shinkle faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and happy birthday greetings to Leota Shinkle as she proudly celebrates eighty years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Leota Mae Shinkle, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Deleta Williams
District No. 121

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 696, adopted March 11, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

